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Sir:

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Cite Nos. F1 through F4, as listed on Form PTO/SB/08, were cited in the International Search Report for PCT/JP2004/007877, of which the presently submitted patent application is to be the National Stage. These references and the rest of the references listed under "Foreign Patent Documents," i.e., Cite Nos. F5 through F8 are not in English.

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As a concise explanation of the relevance of Cite Nos. F1 through F4, a copy of the International Search Report, in Japanese, accompanies this paper. Although

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the Search Report is not in English, the categories designating the relevancy as assessed by the International Searching Authority are readily apparent next to the corresponding document identification numbers on the report.

Cite Nos. F5 and F6 are mentioned in the paragraph that begins in line 1 on page 2 in the Background Art section of the present specification.

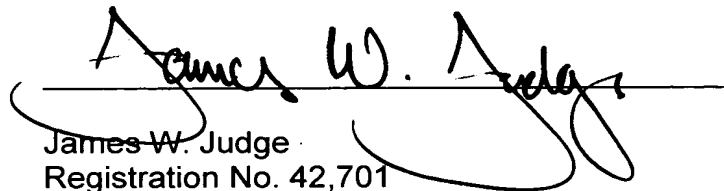
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In addition, inasmuch as English abstracts of Cite Nos. F1 through F6 are likewise available through (PAJ), for the Examiner's reference a copy of the corresponding abstract is attached to the back of each of these references as well. (Note that Cite No. F3 is a published Japanese *examined* patent application, as opposed to a published *unexamined* patent application, which is what Cite Nos. F1, F2, and F4 through F8 are. Nevertheless, since PAJ only provides abstracts for published *unexamined* applications, the English abstract for Cite No. F3 is taken from the published corresponding unexamined patent application.)

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